



FRUITS OF THE AMBATO STRAWBERRY, NATURAL SIZE.

(*Fragaria chiloensis* (L.) Duchesne, S. P. I. No. 52576.)

This remarkable berry, a variety of *Fragaria chiloensis*, can be picked every day in the year in the region of Guachi, near Ambato, Ecuador, where it is cultivated commercially. The plants are much more downy than those grown in the United States; the fruits are light red in color and of very firm texture, adapting them for shipping long distances. The flavor is sweet and aromatic, the quality very good. (Photographed, natural size, by Wilson Popenoe, near Ambato, Ecuador, January, 1921; P18324FS.)